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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET MEDIA CONTINUE TO HAMMER AT PEKING, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PRC'S ALLEGED HOSTILE INTENTIONS TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA. THREE PRESS ARTICLES THIS WEEK CHARGE PEKING WITH DUPLICITY, WITH COLLUDING WITH WORLD REACTION, AND WITH REGIMENTING LIFE IN CHINA. A
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PRC DIPLOMAT SAID THAT MOSCOW'S DENUNCIATIONS REFLECT ITS

OWN INTENTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN LOU. THE SOVIET MILITARY NEWSPAPER KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (AUGUST 5) CARRIES A STRONG ANTI-PEKING COMMENTARY BY YU. LUGOVSKOI. THE COMMENTARY, CALLED "FALSE SMILES AND HOSTILE INTRIGUES," PROVIDES A FULL CATALOGUE OF CURRENT SOVIET CHARGES AGAINST PEKING'S ALLEGED DUPLICITY TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CHARGES THAT THE MAOISTS SEE SOUTHEAST ASIA AS A "TESTING GROUND" FOR THEIR THEORIES: THAT WHILE PEKING AND MANILA WERE DISCUSSING THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, CANADA EXPELLED A PRC DIPLOMAT WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY PICKED UP A BAG OF MONEY TO FINANCE PHILIPPINE INSURGENTS; THAT THE MAOISTS CONTINUE TO INTERFERE IN MALAYSIAN AFFAIRS EVEN AFTER THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS; THAT THEY HAVE INFILTRATED AGENTS INTO JAVA THROUGH A SUPPOSED TOURIST COMPANY; THAT THEY SEEK TO ESTABLISH A "LIBERATED ZONE" IN THE BORDER AREAS OF BURMA; THAT THEY ARM AND TRAIN NAGA AND MIZOS EPARATISTS IN INDIA; AND THAT THEY HAVE SENT TROOPS ALLEGEDLY TO HELP WITH AID PROJECTS IN LAOS AND NEPAL. IN A VAGUE REFERENCE TO THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION PERIOD, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ALSO CHARGES THAT CHINA OPPOSED THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORTED THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES' STRUGGLE AGAINST "AMERICAN AGGRESSORS."

3. TWISTING CHOU EN LAI'S WORDS AT THE NPC, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAYS THAT CHINA'S PLANS TO BECOME "ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD" MEANS IT WANTS TO BE THE "HEGEMON IN ASIA." ITS TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS ARE ALLEGEDLY SHOWN BY THE INFAMOUS MAPS OF AREAS PEKING CLAIMS-- AREAS WHICH REPORTEDLY TOTAL 3.2 MILLION SQUARE KILOMETERS. PEKING'S EFFORTS TO PRESS THE JAPANESE TO ACCEPT TERMINOLOGY OPPOSING "HEGEMONY" ALSO ALLEGEDLY REFLECT CHINA'S OWN AMBITIONS. THE MAOIST LEADERS HAVE MADE CLEAR, SAYS KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, THAT THEY NO LONGER OPPOSE THE PRESENCE OF "IMPERIALISM" IN ASIA, SO THEIR THRUST IS SOLELY ANTI-SOVIET. LIKEWISE THEIR OPPOSITION TO MOSCOW'S ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL SHOWS THAT THE CHINESE OPPOSE THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS IN ASIA. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CONCLUDES THAT THE PEOPLES OF ASIA SEE THROUGH ALL THIS AND THUS

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PEKING HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

4 PRAVDA (AUGUST 6) REPLAYS AN ARTICLE FROM THE MONGOLIAN NEWSPAPER (UNEN) DENOUNCING PEKING FOR ALLEGEDLY COLLUDING WITH THE FORCES OF REACTION AND WAR. PEKING'S WIDER CONTACTS WITH EUROPE SERVE ITS OWN "ADVENTURIST SCHEMES," SAYS THE ARTICLE. THE CHINESE SUPPORT THE CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN ASIA AND "DO NOT WISH TO SEE A

PEACEFUL, UNIFIED AND STRONG VIETNAM NEXT TO CHINA." IN FACT, SAYS THE ARTICLE, MAO TSE-TUNG SAID IN AUGUST 1965 THAT CHINA "SHOULD CONTROL" SOUTH VIETNAM AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

5. THE WEEKLY LITERATURNAYA GAZYETA, WHICH REGULARLY FEATURES NEGATIVE COMMENTARY ON PRC INTERNAL AFFAIRS ON AUGUST 6 IN A COLUMN CALLED "CHINA TODAY," BY DAVID CARPILLE, WHO REPORTEDLY VISITED THE PRC RECENTLY BUT IS NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED, COMPARES THE PRC TODAY WITH THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION PERIOD, AND GENERALLY FINDS THINGS BETTER. HOWEVER, HIS MAIN IMPRESSION IS THAT CHINA IS A "VAST BARRACKS." ONE SEES SOLDIERS ALL OVER IN PEKING AND ELSEWHERE, SAYS CARPILLE; A "PEOPLE'S MILITIA" HAS BEEN FORMED IN THE MAJOR CITIES, AND NUMBERS PERHAPS 20 MILLION PEOPLE. "MILITARISM IS EVERYWHERE," HE SAYS. CARPILLE ALSO LAMENTS CHINA'S REGIMENTATION AND LACK OF PRIVACY. THE "BLOCK REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES" KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON EVERYTHING ANYONE DOES AND PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ON OTHERS.

6. COMMENT. THESE THREE ITEMS, ALTHOUGH NOT NOTABLY BREAKING NEW GROUND, ARE SYMPTOMATIC OF THE CURRENT SOVIET STRESS ON CHINESE INIQUITY. CHINESE ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE SOUTHEAST ASIA, OF COURSE, HAS BECOME A MAJOR THEME SINCE THE FALL OF INDOCHINA. FURTHERMORE, DIATRIBE AGAINST CHINESE POLICE STATE PRACTICES ARE INTENDED TO RECALL FOR SOVIET READERS THE WORST FEATURES OF STALINISM.

7. END LOU BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. GDS. PRC COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR PAI HUI CHUAN, COMMENTING RECENTLY ON THE INCREASED SOVIET MEDIA ATTENTION TO ASIA, TOLD EMBOFF IN A WONDERFULLY ORWELLIAN COMMENTARY ON SOVIET NEWSPEAK AND DOUBLE CONFIDENTIAL

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THINK, THAT THE SOVIETS ALWAYS GIVE AWAY THEIR OWN INTENTIONS BY ATTRIBUTING THEM TO OTHERS. TGYS, SAID PAI, MOSCOW'S ALLEGATIONS OF CHINESE INTRIGUES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA SHOW ITS OWN PRACTICE, ITS CONCERNS ABOUT HEGEMONY SHOW ITS OWN HEGEMONISTIC AIMS, AND ITS CALLS FOR SECURITY IN ASIA AND EUROPE REVEAL ITS OWN EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE PRESENT SECURITY AND STABILITY OF BOTH. END CONFIDENTIAL. STOESEL

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